

Appl. No.
Amdt. dated July 26, 2006
Preliminary Amendment

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

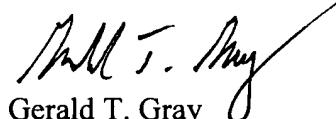
Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1-10 have been amended herein in order to better comply with US requirements and practice. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added herein.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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